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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR - NOTICE OF APPEAL AND APPEAL BRIEF

Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

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- (2) An Appeal Brief in 7 pages, in triplicate;
- (3) An acknowledgment postcard.

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